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Japanese reference 53-60605 corresponds with U.S. 4,172,171.

Japanese reference 63-65067 corresponds with U.S. 5,041,302.

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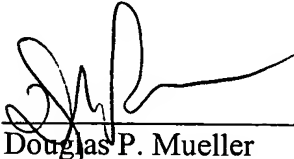
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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